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Welcome to "Show-Me the World!"



The State Library will offer public libraries expanded access to an integrated set of electronic services from the Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC) through a new project called **Show-Me the World**. This project will benefit both library staff and library users with access to a worldwide database of library materials, standardized cataloging, and efficient interlibrary loan.

Some of these services will be paid for entirely by the State Library, some will require a local match, and others will be offered at a discounted price for purchase by libraries. The project, funded under the federal Library Services and Technology Act, is a key element of the State Library's long-range plan to offer Missouri residents equitable access to library resources through interlibrary cooperation and electronic connections.

Show-Me the World includes three programs and services: a statewide license for the WorldCat database, a records-loading program, and an improved interlibrary loan system.

① The State Library will continue to pay the entire cost of the statewide license for public libraries to search through FirstSearch, the Web-interface to the WorldCat bibliographic database of 43 million records maintained by the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC). When a user searches WorldCat, the items in Missouri libraries will show first. Libraries will have the option of providing a link for users from the FirstSearch system to library staff for processing interlibrary loan requests.

② The state has contracted with MLNC to begin the process of loading public library records into the WorldCat database. The State Library and MLNC will hold regional meetings in the fall to determine interest and availability for this program. Priority will be given to those libraries that have received state funds for retrospective conversion and automation projects. Within the next three years, all public libraries whose holdings are not yet in WorldCat will have an opportunity to participate in the program. The result will be a "virtual catalog" of Missouri public library holdings in WorldCat.

③ For the past few years, the State Library has supported interlibrary loan through the Group Access program in which it paid for a library's first 100 loan transactions. This year, the State Library will pay for all public library interlibrary loan transactions, including the searches, displays, and placing of requests via the OCLC ILL system for those libraries wanting to take advantage of the offer. It is expected that this new arrangement will have a significant impact on interlibrary loan use and how public libraries view the role of interlibrary loan in their total service package.

State Library inaugurates digital imaging grant program

Exciting prospects are now possible for Missouri libraries to improve the public's access to cultural heritage collections through the use of Library Services and Technology Act funds. The Digital Imaging Grant Program will fund pilot programs in scanning, indexing, and providing Web access to cultural heritage collections.

The State Library has requested letters of intent from public libraries, academic libraries, and special libraries with primary source materials, either historical or cultural. Archives, historical societies, or museums that partner with a library may also be eligible to participate in this program.

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Digital imaging grant program

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The grants will fund projects that will demonstrate best practices and standards for the selection, digital capture, storage, and Web-delivery of documents. These projects are intended to build up experience that can provide the State Library with models for future replication of grant programs.

Grants are restricted to projects that involve primary source materials. Specifically excluded are genealogical materials, county histories, maps, and government documents. Grants involving these materials may be considered in subsequent years of this program.

A primary emphasis of these pilot projects shall be the efficient use of the Dublin Core metadata scheme to promote reliable searching and retrieval.

The State Library has sent application packets for this new program to public, academic, and special libraries and to library consortia. For more information about the program, contact Carl Wingo, Consultant for Technology and Bibliographic Services at the State Library, 800-325-0131.

Missouri Center for the Book receives grants

The Missouri Center for the Book has been awarded two grants in support of the Fifth Celebration of the Book, scheduled for April 27, 2002, in Columbia. Grants from the Missouri Arts Council (\$3,000) and the City of Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs (\$1,200) will provide partial support for speakers and other program costs.

The theme for the Celebration will deal with a frequently suggested program topic—books and film—or what happens when a book is turned into a film. Programs will examine how films can reinforce the experience of reading a book or create an entirely new way to appreciate an author's work.



Watch upcoming issues of **newsline** for more information about the Celebration.

Among the authors scheduled to speak are Billie Letts, whose book *Where the Heart Is*, was an Oprah pick and made into a film of the same title, and Daniel Woodrell, whose book *Ride with the Devil* was made into a film directed by Ang Lee.

Grants available for ALA conference attendance

3M Library Systems, in conjunction with the New Members Round Table of the American Library Association, is sponsoring a grant program which will pay the costs for recipients to attend the ALA annual conference in Atlanta next year. Grant funding will cover registration fees, airfare, lodging, and some incidental expenses.

The application deadline is December 1. Selection of grant recipients will take place at the ALA midwinter meeting in January 2002. To apply for a grant, go to the NMRT website at <http://www.ala.org/nmt/awards/3m/index.html>, or contact Christine DeZelar at 612-625-0381, or dezel002@tc.umn.edu.

State funding for libraries—FY2002

House Bill 12, signed by Governor Holden, contains funding for public library service in Missouri. Individual appropriations are as follows:

☀ **State Aid to Public Libraries**—\$3,770,657.

Per capita state aid is 55 cents.

☀ **Remote Electronic Access for Libraries**—\$3,325,000.

The REAL Project provides Internet connectivity for public libraries and online reference resources for public libraries, schools, academic institutions, and state government.

☀ **Athlete's and Entertainer's Income Tax**—\$463,991.

These funds are earmarked for improvement of collections in public libraries.

11 Missouri libraries receive Library of America collection

The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced that 512 public libraries in communities throughout the nation have been selected to receive 50 recently published volumes from The Library of America collection, the distinguished series of American literature and history. Nine Missouri libraries will receive the collection.

The awards are part of the Millennium Project for Public Libraries, a partnership

initiative of NEH, The Library of America, and the American Library Association. Carnegie Corporation of New York is funding the initiative and awarded \$1 million to NEH last year to develop and administer the project.

Missouri recipients include: Bernie Public Library, Bevier C-4 School; Wood Place Library, California; Eminence Public Library; Wright County Library, Hartville; Webster County Library, Marshfield; Little Dixie Regional Libraries, Moberly; St. Clair County Library, Osceola; Puxico Public Library; Gentry County Library, Stanberry; and Webb City Public Library.



Web Watch

FirstGov for Kids

<http://www.kids.gov>

The U.S. government's inter-agency kids' portal offers links to federal kids' sites along with some of the best kids' sites from other organizations grouped by subject.

National Fathers' Network

<http://www.fathersnetwork.org>

This site provides information to support fathers and families raising children with special health care needs and developmental disabilities.

The On-Line Books Page

<http://digital.library.oupenn.edu/books/>

Search this site's 14,000 books by author, title, and subject; use its pointers to directories and archives of online texts, and view special exhibits of interesting classes of online books.

Writers Weekly

<http://writersweekly.com>

Billing itself as the "highest-circulating freelance writing e-zine in the world," this site is a boon for freelance writers. It includes freelance job listings, new paying markets, success stories, and warnings.

Federal funds benefit Missouri libraries

During its summer meeting, the Secretary's Council on Library Development approved a variety of statewide programs to be funded under the federal Library Services and Technology Act for FY2002. These programs range from continuing education for library staff to manuals for service to seniors to innovative digitization projects involving libraries and other cultural agencies.

All approved programs fit under the two major purposes of LSTA: technology and information access and targeted library services for special clientele. The programs carry out the goals identified in Missouri's five-year state plan for the use of LSTA funds for fiscal years 1998-2003. This plan was submitted to and approved by the Institute of Museum and Library Services in April 1997.

LSTA funds are allocated in three parts: appropriations made by the legislature, statewide projects, and competitive grants. The total LSTA grant award for Missouri is \$2,902,423. FY2002 projects include:

Continuing Education and Training: \$278,700

This project includes several components. It funds a Library Skills Institute, which provides basic training in library skills and

advanced skills for those who do not have library degrees. This year, the "basic" section of the library skills institute will be offered as a separate program in winter 2002.

The project also funds other professional development activities: Two regular training sessions in spring and fall are held for library staffs who work in youth services. A "Train the Trainer" program focusing on serving the underserved will be presented in Missouri by the Young Adult Library Services Association. A scholarship program, Show-Me Steps to Career Development, enables library staff to attend training events and conferences with some match from local institutions. The "Poetry in Missouri Public Libraries" workshop will help libraries with adult programming.

Three thousand dollars is reserved to purchase workshop-related materials used in conjunction with various programs, and \$100,000 is reserved for projects designed by Library Development Division consultants to meet current issues and needs. Some of these projects will be accomplished through contracts with training providers.

Leadership Momentum: \$90,000

With the publication and distribution of *Missouri's Public Library Standards*, the

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Independence earns national award

Harry Truman's hometown has been named an All-America City, the most respected community honor in the country. The award recognizes communities whose citizens work together to identify and tackle community-wide challenges and achieve uncommon results.

Each year, only 10 communities are selected as All-America City winners. These communities "exemplify the true American spirit at work. Their citizens are actively committed to ensuring that their community is a safe, nurturing place to live." Since the program's inception, more than 4,200 communities have competed, and nearly 520 have been named "All-America Cities."

The All-America City Award is a program of the National Civic League a national non-profit organization that promotes the active involvement of citizens in the governing of their community.

Federal funds benefit Missouri libraries

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next phase of implementation will begin to help libraries succeed with standards development and chart a clear course for future library services. Regional workshops will be scheduled to assist libraries in writing policies and service plans, and grants will be offered for up to \$15,000 per library to develop plans. Grants can be used for community meetings and focus groups, meeting facilitators, and expert assistance in plan development. Both library staff and trustees will participate in the project.

A Trustee Academy will be held, focusing on board effectiveness, community relations, and planning for library services. Work will begin on a trustee handbook, to be produced in FY2003.

Building Library Knowledge: \$55,000

The combined expertise of librarians and other practitioners in Missouri represents an untapped asset for development of library services in the state. This project will enable libraries to receive specialized help when State Library consultants are not able to give help in a particular subject area or when there are time constraints. This is a two-part project. The first part is **Libraries Helping Libraries**, which underwrites the cost of a local library providing expertise to another library. **The Bring in an Expert** program offers grants up to \$5,000 per library to bring in an expert for up to three days of on-site consultation. This program will give librarians the opportunity to identify an expert to match their unique needs, with approval from the State Library. It is open to all types of libraries.

Marketing Missouri's Libraries

Statewide Campaign: \$55,000

Phase 1 of the campaign included development of a marketing task force, planning and research, a statewide survey of Missouri residents about their library awareness, a survey of Missouri librarians about what they wanted from a statewide cam-

paign, and a statewide marketing conference. Phase 2, begun in FY2001, included regional workshops and distribution of promotional materials and information to all Missouri libraries. Continuing in FY2002 will be additional workshops and products and development of radio spots about Missouri libraries.

Library Services for Seniors: \$15,000

In order to help libraries enhance services for seniors, the State Library has produced a resource manual that will be distributed to all public libraries in 2001. To supplement the manual, regional workshops will be offered to help libraries create new services for seniors. Also planned is the establishment of an award, developed with the American Association for Retired Persons, to recognize libraries that employ cooperation with area agencies to implement innovative programs for seniors.

School Libraries Study: \$50,000

Most existing data sources for school libraries are invalid or too old for effective use. A statewide, comprehensive survey of school libraries will be undertaken with these funds. The survey should provide an inclusive profile for all components of school library operation and how school library media programs relate to student achievement. Analysis of data from this survey will provide the State Library, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Missouri Association of School Librarians with opportunities to form partnerships to enhance school library programs. The study will be the basis for constructing short- and long-range plans at both the state and local levels.

Statewide Reference Service: \$130,000

The Missouri Statewide Reference Center was conceived as a reference back-up service for small libraries which, due to physical size or budget size, would not be able to own as comprehensive a collection as a library in a large metropolitan area. Through this project, the collection of the Kansas City Public Library is made available to li-

brarians across the state. The Center makes it possible for any librarian in the state to answer a client's information needs.

Institutional Grants: \$70,000

This project includes grants to the Missouri Department of Mental Health and the Missouri Department of Corrections.

The grant to Mental Health enables the department to purchase computers to place in areas which will be accessible to people with disabilities, support staff, and families. Funding also covers training on Internet use, various software programs, and use of electronic mail to site participants.

The grant to Corrections funds strategic planning for library services and training for the department's librarians.

Missouri FirstSearch Project: \$105,500

This project will provide public libraries with access to a union catalog for Missouri through the World Wide Web using the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) WorldCat database. OCLC is a nonprofit membership organization serving 39,517 libraries in 76 countries and territories around the world. The Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC) is the provider of OCLC services for Missouri libraries. MLNC also offers a wide range of workshops on OCLC products, library automation, Internet technologies, and library-related continuing education topics.

Interlibrary Loan Group Access: \$37,500

The goal of this project is to encourage use of the OCLC interlibrary loan system by subsidizing some of the annual costs and usage charges for public libraries. The State Library pays the MLNC service fee, the MLNC affiliate membership fee (\$40/library), the OCLC dial access authorization fee (\$55/library), and OCLC transaction and communication costs for the first 100 requests a library sends over the interlibrary loan system.

Videoconferencing Network: \$225,000

The State Library and MOREnet staff will solicit proposals from selected public libraries to serve as videoconferencing net-

work sites. These sites will ultimately serve as distance learning facilities throughout the state. LSTA funds will be used for the needed equipment and training. MOREnet will ensure the required level of connectivity, training for library staff, and support for the network. The local library will provide staff for training in the use of the system. Each site will be required to be available for State Library-related training sessions a certain number of days per year. The funds will equip eight sites.

MOREnet Telecommunications (E-rate) Service Agreement: \$25,000

The MOREnet Services Agreement provides consulting to public libraries and the State Library on filing for Universal Service Fund (E-rate) discounts on telecommunications services. MOREnet staff attend meetings of the E-rate Task Force, monitor FCC and Schools and Libraries Division announcements and rulings, and keep the State Librarian and State Library staff apprised of developments in the program.

Statewide Digitization Plan: \$235,000

The Statewide Digitization Plan continues an FY2001 project with the Missouri Library Network Corporation. It provides for continued maintenance of the "Virtually Missouri" clearinghouse—an online directory of digitization projects. This project will fund a second statewide conference that will bring together participants from a wide range of institutions in the cultural heritage community of libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies. To support local digitization efforts and serve as a basis for targeted grants, the project will fund training workshops to teach scanning and metadata creation techniques, user manuals and other documentation, and provide onsite consulting.

A Web portal to Missouri digitization projects will also be developed as a complement to the "Virtually Missouri" directory. This portal will be a searchable index of metadata records for digital objects residing in local collections around the state. The portal's records will include links to the ac-



Missouri library statistics

5,093,723 (91 percent) of Missourians have direct access to public libraries, which citizens support through taxes or which receive financial support from the city where they are located. The other 9 percent of Missourians (501,488) have no access to a tax-supported or city-supported public library.

46,090 people live in areas where a community or county library is located, but the library receives no financial support from the city or county.

Gates grant to fund computer training labs

Next year, seven supplemental training labs will open across the state with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Each lab will be located in a public library and consist of 10 public access computers, a trainer computer, a laser printer, and an applications server. They will support the library's staff training and help library staff to deliver classes that familiarize patrons with the use of electronic reference tools and sources. They also will provide a training facility that can be used in cooperation with libraries in the immediate geographical area and with the State Library for training opportunities for the public library community.

New ABC-TV PSAs promote today's libraries

ABC Television Network is producing public service announcements (PSAs) about the importance of today's libraries as part of ABC's Children First series. The PSAs reflect a new relationship between ABC and The Campaign for America's Libraries, ALA's five-year public education effort to promote the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century. The PSAs are currently being distributed by ABC to its 219 local television affiliates nationwide.

To ensure these PSAs get air-time, librarians across the country are urged to contact their local television stations. A tipsheet called "Get on Board @ Your Library"™: How You Can Promote New Exciting ABC Public Service Announcements" is available online on the campaign website at <http://www.ala.org/@yourlibrary/abcpsatips.cfm> with ideas for reaching out and working with local television stations now and throughout the year, as well as contact information for local stations.

tual digital images themselves.

The State Library will also offer grants for digital collections, metadata creation, scanning equipment, and personnel costs for new digitization projects.

Focus on Literacy: \$13,200

A basic library literacy manual will be developed by a committee of librarians, chaired by the State Library's literacy consultant. The manual will describe best practices for libraries in working with the literacy community and new readers. The manual will briefly review research about the mechanisms of literacy acquisition. It will delineate the roles librarians and volunteers can play in helping patrons develop literacy from infancy into adulthood and suggest resources for library literacy efforts and activities. Descriptions of activities and actual programs and checklists to help in planning will be included. The literacy consultant will facilitate the committee meetings, draft and assemble the contents of the document, and work with others at the State Library to ready it for printing.

Bridging the Gap: \$15,700

Bridging the Gap: Young Adult Services in the Library is a manual created and compiled by the Missouri Library Association's Young Adult Services Committee under the auspices of the State Library in 1992. The State Library will update the original edition of this manual to provide a framework for librarians to enhance service for young adults.

Producing a second edition of *Bridging the Gap* will build upon that momentum and success. New trends and issues have developed that were not addressed in the first edition, including the technology explosion and its impact on services to young adults, marketing to teens, and serving at-risk youth.

LSTA Evaluation: \$37,500

The Missouri evaluation of the Library Services and Technology Act FY1998 to 2003 is part of an ongoing state continuum of planning, implementation, evaluation, and

using evaluation to shape future priorities.

Missouri will evaluate the LSTA program under the two broad headings of technology and information access and targeted services. Training, partnerships, and the development of libraries will also be evaluated.

Questions about the LSTA programs should be addressed to Barbara Reading, director of the Library Development Division, 800-325-0131.

HeadsUp Reading!

Across America, approximately 40% of children experience reading difficulties and 75% of those children do not catch up by high school. *HeadsUp! Reading*, a new teacher-training course being launched by National Head Start Association in collaboration with the Council for Professional Recognition and RISE Learning Solutions™, is designed to dramatically improve this shocking statistic. *HeadsUp! Reading* is a new distance-learning college course for the early childhood community, delivered via satellite.

The *Heads Up! Reading* Network in Missouri is a collaborative effort of several statewide organizations and state departments including the State Library, Department of Health & Senior Services—Child Care Bureau, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education—Divisions of Early Childhood and Special Education, Department of Social Services—Division of Family Services, the Head Start State Collaboration Office, Head Start Quality Improvement Centers, Missouri Association for the Education of Young Children, Parents As Teachers National Center, Inc., and LIFT—Missouri's family literacy resource center. There will be over 50 downlink sites throughout Missouri, creating a network of training sites accessible to all.

The course delivers 44 hours of college-level training to early childhood professionals, librarians, Parents As Teachers educators, public school teachers, parents, and others interested in building early reading skills.

The course is delivered via live, interac-

tive broadcasts over satellite television, giving learners the chance to speak directly with national faculty. The course is free to participants. Participating colleges and universities charge only for credit. College credit for the course will be available through the University of Missouri, Southeast Missouri State University, St. Louis Community College, East Central Community College, Hannibal-LaGrange College, Northwest Missouri State University, Southwest Missouri State University, and Penn Valley Community College.

The nationally known faculty team, led by Dr. Sue Bredekamp of the Council for Professional Recognition, includes leaders in the fields of early literacy and early childhood research and practice. In addition, guest faculty will include specialists in English language learning and early child-

hood special education.

Six Missouri public libraries will serve as *HeadsUp! Reading* training sites, and two Missouri public library staff persons will serve as training facilitators. Participating libraries include the St. Louis County Library, Jefferson County Library (Windsor Branch), Macon Public Library, Little Dixie Regional Libraries, Sikeston Public Library, Springfield-Greene County Library, and Kansas City Public Library.

Youth services staff interested in promoting early literacy are encouraged to enroll in *HeadsUp! Reading* classes, which begin October 4. For a list of Missouri training sites, an enrollment form, and additional information, visit the Head Start State Collaboration Office website at <http://www.moheadstart.org>.



Most populated cities in Missouri in 2000

Kansas City	441,545
St. Louis	48,189
Springfield	151,580
Independence	113,288
Columbia	84,531
St. Joseph	73,990
Lee's Summit	70,700
St. Charles	60,321
St. Peters	51,381
Florissant	50,497

Source: Missouri Census Data Center

National campaign aims to close the digital divide

A unique coalition of libraries, foundations, nonprofit organizations, and media and Internet companies have launched the ConnectNet/Conectado campaign—the most comprehensive national campaign to help bridge the digital divide. This multi-faceted public education effort is designed to help minority and low-income youth gain free or low-cost access to computers and the Internet in their own neighborhoods.

ConnectNet/Conectado includes:

- ✿ The largest Internet directory ever created that guides young people to locations where public Internet access is available, including more than 20,000 libraries and technology centers across the country.
- ✿ A toll-free phone number (866-583-1234) and websites (<http://www.ConnectNet.org> and <http://conectado.org>). Teens can call or visit the websites to get English- or Spanish-language information about computer centers in their neighborhoods.
- ✿ Fun and engaging public service announcements (PSAs) in Spanish and English to encourage minority teens to become computer-literate. The spots, which target children between the 6th and 10th grades who live in underserved communities, publicize the toll-free number and websites.
- ✿ A teen-friendly brochure on the ConnectNet/Conectado campaign and the importance of being computer-savvy. It will be distributed to teens by local libraries, civil rights groups, and youth centers.

The ConnectNet/Conectado coalition includes the American Library Association, Kaiser Family Foundation, AOL Time Warner Foundation, Benton Foundation, Digital Divide Network, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights/Leadership Conference Education Fund, PowerUP, and Univision.

For materials or more information on the campaign, contact Virginia Witt at the Kaiser Family Foundation, 650-854-9400.



newsline welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)

Secretary Blunt displays Lewis & Clark maps

Missouri Secretary of State Matt Blunt paid a recent visit to the St. Louis County Library to unveil a series of unique computer-generated maps detailing Lewis & Clark's journey through Missouri.

The maps represent a partnership among the Missouri State Archives, the University of Missouri-Columbia's Geographic Resource Center (GRC), and the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission. They show in detail St. Louis as it appeared in 1803 and the original landscape through which the explorers traveled. The 12 maps were displayed for public view in the Main Library's reading room.

Some of the maps will appear in the April 2002 edition of *National Geographic* magazine. The State Archives provided funding for the map project, and Jim Harlan, senior research specialist and assistant program director at the GRC, created the maps using old land records from the State Archives.



Secretary of State Matt Blunt discusses Lewis & Clark's trip through Missouri during a special program at St. Louis County Library (Greg Olson photo).

A new library for Gentry County

Generous donations from the Stanberry community have resulted in a new 7,250-square-foot building to house the Gentry County Library. The new library is located across the street from the old library, which occupied cramped quarters in a former feed store and barber shop.

The city's first librarian, Aletha Whittington, gave a sizable donation to encourage additional funding for a new building. Local residents responded by approving a \$450,000 bond issue in April 2000 and by donating funds and services.

The library features an inviting reading room with a coffee table and an area rug, a genealogy room, public access Internet terminals, a children's section, a meeting room for videoconferencing, and Emerson Booker, the library cat.

New Madrid County expands library facility

The New Madrid Memorial Library, a branch of the New Madrid County Library, has undergone extensive remodeling and expansion, more than doubling the building's floor space. Among the changes are dedicated spaces for genealogy research and children's services, larger aisles, and improved lighting and parking. Before the building project, one crowded room accommodated all library functions.

Bethany library raises funds for children's books

Betty Jo Jones, director of the Bethany Public Library, has started a new program, "Sponsor a Book," to add to the library's children's collection.

Jones has set up several displays featuring titles of children's books, with the books grouped according to age level and interest. Individuals wishing to purchase one of the books for the library can select a title, buy the book, and donate it to the library. Sponsors are recognized with an inscription in the book they donated.

Kirkwood Public Library kicks off reading campaign for kids

Kirkwood Public Library will use the \$5,000 it received when Kirkwood won the History Channel Great Race's "Great American City Award" to mount a campaign over the next two years to sign up every child in the library's service area for a library card.

Library director Wicky Sleight said recent census data reported to the library showed that of approximately 5,000 children between the ages of birth and 14 living in Kirkwood, 56 percent currently held library cards from the Kirkwood library, a good enough number. However, Sleight is aiming to achieve a 75 percent cardholder rate for children in Kirkwood by June of 2003.

In the past, Kirkwood had followed the traditional library practice of allowing children to sign up for their own cards when they were old enough to write their names. But more recent practice has been to encourage parents to bring their children to the library early and often and to get them their own library cards as soon as the parents think they are ready for them.

Joan Deuschle, Kirkwood's children's librarian, said parents no longer have to wait until their children can write their own names before bringing them to get their first cards.

Kansas City Public opens new branch

The former West Neighborhood Library, a branch of the Kansas City Public Library, moved in August to a new building four times larger than the previous facility, a small storefront that had little people space. The new branch has been renamed the Irene H. Ruiz Biblioteca de las Americas in honor of the long-time West Branch librarian (now retired). In addition to its book and media collections, the library offers meeting room space for 50 people and 14 public access computers.

The branch, designated a "Neighborhood Library," serves a large Hispanic population in the traditional Spanish-speaking area of Kansas City, and emphasizes service to the

Spanish-speaking community through its bilingual staff and collection of Spanish language materials. The "Neighborhood Library" designation means a smaller unit of service providing access to library materials to those who live in its immediate area. Kansas City Public uses a neighborhood profile to determine the type of library services offered. Planners consider factors such as demographics, geographical location, distance from a full-service area library, availability of transportation, and times of day when people are in the neighborhood.

The Ruiz library is located across from a new community center and new housing. It will serve approximately 4,100 people.

Challenge grant to Bonne Terre library

A Shawnee Mission, Kansas, couple gave \$25,000 in cash to the Bonne Terre Memorial Library building fund and a \$75,000 challenge grant to the library. Bill and Maggie Haw will donate one dollar—up to \$75,000—for each dollar raised by the library. Bill Haw is a graduate of Bonne Terre High School.

Construction is under way on an addition to the library; however, the library needs to raise \$350,000 to complete and fully furnish the addition.

Librarian donates funds for Jackson automation project

Sally Pierce, director of the Jackson Public Library, and her husband, Walter, donated \$30,000 to purchase an automated circulation system for the library. The City of Jackson also gave \$10,000 for the project.

Pierce said if she had been patient and worked within the system, the library might have become automated in a year or two. "I just wanted to get it done, so I did it," she said.



Kansas City Public Library's newest branch—the Irene H. Ruiz Biblioteca de las Americas

More Library News



The new system includes six computers and a server, software, a barcode scanner, and barcode stickers.

Trails Regional Library receives gift for building fund

The building fund for Trails Regional Library's new headquarters in Warrensburg has been enhanced by a gift of \$600,000 from the Leland and Zinn Culp estate. The library had already received an earlier bequest of \$60,000 from the Culp estate and is expected to receive another \$50,000 when final distribution of the estate is completed. The Culp family were Warrensburg residents.

Contributions to the library's building fund now total three-quarters of a million dollars. The library, long in need of a new facility, is planning a fund-raising campaign for the building project.

The library board hopes for completion of the new building in February 2004.

Maryville Public Library completes major building project

A pleasing blend of old and new is evident in recent renovations at the Maryville Public Library. The historic main building, a former post office, has been completely remodeled, providing three times the room for the youth area, two study rooms, a leisure reading room, a small-group confer-

ence room, and a community room.

"We tried to preserve the building's original integrity," said library director Diane Houston. She noted that lobby walls are back to their limestone exterior, and suspended ceilings were removed to reveal arches and elaborate decorations. She also noted the two-story

red barn in the children's room which has a group seating area, a loft, windows overlooking the renovated area, and a window that looks down on the first floor of the barn.

A 5,000-square-foot addition doubles the building's size and houses the library's collection and administrative areas.

During the four years of planning and construction, more than 400 individuals and businesses donated \$525,000 for the project.

Justice Department releases free CD-ROM on ADA compliance

As part of its effort to implement President Bush's New Freedom Initiative, the Justice Department has issued Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Technical Assistance on CD-ROM. The free CD-ROM contains a complete collection of the department's ADA regulations, architectural design standards, and technical assistance publications. The CD-ROM is designed for easy use on laptop computers in the field or other computers that lack high-speed Internet access. It will make searching documents and identifying appropriate ADA information easier and more efficient for local governments, designers, building contractors, and businesses across the country.

Among the technical assistance materials found on the CD-ROM are:

- The new electronic version of the ADA Standards for Accessible Design
- The ADA Guide for Small Businesses
- Common ADA Errors and Omissions in New Construction and Alterations
- The Americans with Disabilities Act Checklist for New Lodging Facilities
- The ADA Guide for Small Towns
- A series of commonly asked question and answer publications
- Technical assistance manuals for Titles II and III of the ADA

Documents on the CD-ROM are provided in a variety of formats, including HTML, WordPerfect, and text (ASCII) to enable

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Maryville's library addition doubles the building's size.



Library Day in Cape Girardeau draws 100+ young people

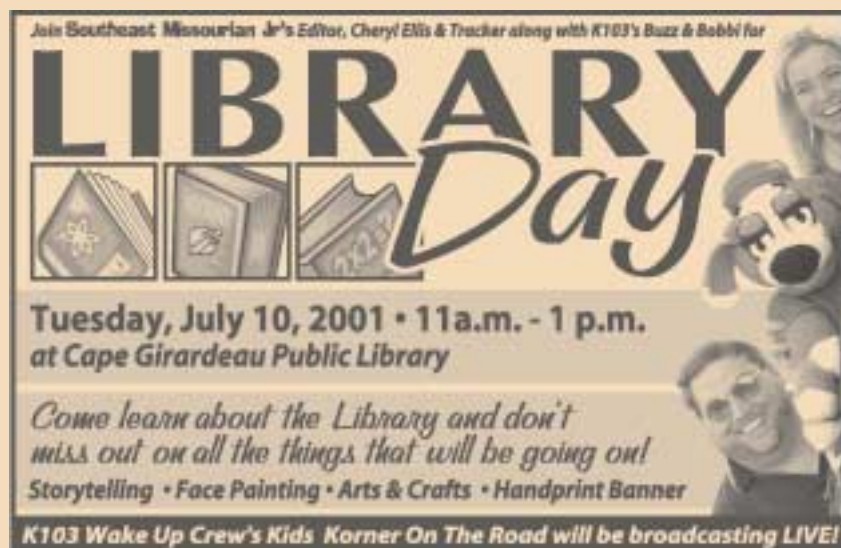
It's a fairly common scenario: six weeks into the summer reading program, and the excitement begins to flag. The Cape Girardeau Public Library found a way to boost the enthusiasm level through a partnership with the local media. The *Southeast Missourian Jr.* (a monthly publication of the local newspaper) and K103 (a local radio station) sponsored Library Day in July.

K103's Buzz and Bobbi broadcast live from the library (11a.m. to noon), incorporating library riddles and scavenger hunts into their regular programming and interviewing readers about their summer reading choices. Editor Cheryl Ellis set up a workstation for the *Southeast Missourian Jr.*, giving young patrons the opportunity to write book reviews, recommend books, and illustrate favorite stories for the August publication.

In addition to providing the setting and materials for the art projects, the library staff pulled out the stops, creating multiple stations that allowed patrons to choose their own focus and channel creativity in a variety of ways. Activities included face painting, tattoos, crafts, storytelling, and traditional storytimes.

Since participants were constantly moving from station to station, it was impossible to get an accurate count, but children's librarian Sharon Anderson estimated participation at more than 100 children. Anderson said the partnership with local media reinforced the theme of the summer reading program, "2001 Places to go," and proved the library is an exciting choice for summer fun.

For more information about the program, contact children's librarian Sharon Anderson at 573-334-5279, or send an e-mail to sharonka@showme.net.

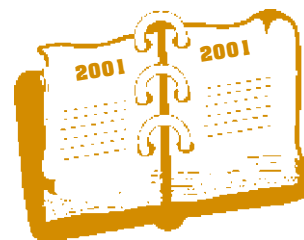


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people with disabilities and others to gain easy access, translate materials to Braille, or use screen readers. Many documents are also provided in Acrobat PDF format, so they appear as they do in print and permit the publication to be reprinted by personal computers.

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September 25-26
Missouri Census Data Center
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Columbia

September 27
Secretary's Council on
Library Development
Meeting
Jefferson City

October 3-5
Missouri Library Association
Annual Conference
St. Louis

October 6
Missouri Association of
School Librarians
Fall Seminar
Camdenton

October 14-20
Teen Read Week

November 1
National Family Literacy Day

November 2
Wolfner Advisory Council
Meeting
Jefferson City

November 7
National Young Reader's Day

November 12-18
National Children's Book
Week

Record attendance at summer institute

Comments from Summer Institute graduates—

“I came away with lots of ideas and cannot wait to share and implement them.”

“I will highly recommend this to my colleagues! I think everyone can benefit from this whether they are a newcomer or have been with the library for years.”



2001 Summer Institute graduates—Lloyd Grotjan photo

The State Library's Summer Library Skills Institute attracted 132 students—the largest attendance in the institute's history. Held August 7-12 at the Ramada Inn in Columbia, the institute offered the “basic” course and four advanced courses: Collection Development, Organizing Library Material, Services to Young Adults, and User Friendly Libraries, a first-time institute offering. Five short courses and two evening sessions rounded out the 2001 program.

The basic course has proved so popular that the State Library will offer a second session in February 2002. Watch upcoming issues of *Newsline* and check the State Library's website for more information about this event.

Institute photo available: To obtain an 8x10" black & white print of the photo above, or the same photo without the “tilt,” send \$7.50 plus \$2.50 shipping/handling to Full Spectrum Photo, 218 E. High, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Checks should be payable to Full Spectrum Photo.

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